

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	MYF & JMYF	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Dec 10	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
	Financial Stewardship	4:30 pm
Tue Dec 11	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
	Youth Ministry	6:30 pm
Wed Dec 12	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Thurs Dec 13	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastor Peer Meeting	9:00 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	Process Design Team	5:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Calling all Musicians: Christmas Orchestra

Whether you've been playing for a year or haven't played for years, we want you in our Christmas Orchestra! All ages and woodwinds, brass, strings and percussion are welcome. Rehearsals: Sunday, Dec 16 after church, Saturday, Dec 22, 10:30-noon. Performance in worship on Sunday, Dec 23. If you can participate CONTACT Marianne Israel or Wesley Hershberger .

The Christmas Eve Service is Monday evening, December 24 at 6:30 pm. The Fellowship Committee invites you to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share after the service. Please bring your own plate and take any leftovers home at the end of the evening. We can enjoy cookies during the time of visiting that follows the service.

MCN Spending Plan Status

November Income:	\$47,065.69
November Expense:	\$40,070.40
Year to date Income:	\$443,244.83
Year to date Expense:	\$436,612.87

Thanks for the generous gifts!
Can we finish the year in the black?

Today

God, the Giver: We are reminded this Advent that as we seek God's righteousness, that God is the Giver of all that we need. Scripture reminds us that, "God will make a righteousness branch sprout from David's line" (Jer33:15). Taking a cue from that scripture, Lee Hertzler created for us a 'righteousness branch' that holds our Advent candles for worship. It is through the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that God gives us in Jesus that we are given what we need to follow God's way in righteousness.

Of Note

All Sharing and Prayer Requests to Pastor Tim During Advent - Please write out or send by email to Pastor Tim all items for sharing and prayer for Sunday worship. There is no open microphone sharing during Advent.

Nativity Scenes - While you are pulling out Christmas decorations, please bring your Nativity sets/crèches to the church for a display on Sunday, December 16. We will have tables set up with table cloths in the fellowship space, starting Saturday afternoon. Please set up your pieces, and we will all enjoy them Sunday morning. You can take them home after Christian Ed that Sunday. We are especially interested in those that have cross-cultural significance. You might even get to tell the stories of how you have acquired your sets, or what significance they have had for you and your family.

Alternative Gifts Fair - With final contributions tallied, this year's fair raised \$20,588 (MCC- \$12,490.50, AGI- \$8,097.50)! Fair statistics are posted at the back of the sanctuary. AGI and MCC inserts can be expected in mailboxes by December 16th, just in time for Christmas mailings.



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

God, the Giver

Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

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For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children’s Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship – All Invited

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below, all are welcome.
- **Caring and Sharing** coffee time is available in the center rear Fellowship Area, all are welcome.

Mennonite Church of Normal Vision and Mission

The Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing Anabaptist community that fosters the Christ-centered spiritual growth of all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.

Through our worship, Christian Education for all ages, fellowship, and service to others in love, the Mennonite Church of Normal lives out Anabaptist values of peace, reconciliation, discipleship, and community. Our belief in Jesus calls us to pray, share our faith, work toward peace and social justice, and create a culture of care and generosity.

Christian Education

Children 10:45 am

Gather ‘Round (age 3-5th grade) Room 11, children will be dismissed for Intergenerational Advent Classes from Room 11 at 11:00 am.

Adults, Children, & Youth 11:00 am–11:45 am

Advent Intergenerational Classes

Cards & Coloring - Room 4 (by Kitchen)

Caroling - High School Room (Rooms 5 & 7)

Christmas Treats - Kitchen

Clay - Junior High Room (Room 8)

Adults 11:00 am

Adult Bible Study—Our Love for God, class lead, Conference Room (Room 2)

Caring and Sharing, Fellowship Area

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Order of Worship December 9, 2018

God the Giver...the Gift of Peace

The second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God’s goodness.

We ponder what it means to display righteousness in our lives through receiving and giving the Gift of Peace.

It is God’s righteousness we seek and it is God who gives us the gift of Peace.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Ben Roeschley
*Hymns		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>To Us a Child of Hope is Born</i>	HWB 189
	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	HWB 195
*Prayer		
Children’s Time	God, the Giver of Peace	Mike Company
Scriptural Gifts of Peace		Andy Reeser, Bess Desch, Olivia Engel, Ardys Serpette, and Jennifer Roberts
Offering	<i>Christmas Medley</i>	Clara Ponnou-Delaffon
Worship Music	<i>Christmas Song of Peace</i>	Youth Choir & Junior Choir
	<i>Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets</i>	Youth Choir
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i>	HWB 346
Worship Music	<i>Lullaby for a King</i>	Adult Choir
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:68-79; 3:1-6, Malachi 3:1-4	
Sermon	“Oh, This is Good Enough...Really?”	
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	HWB 191
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

**Please stand as you are able.
 Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

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